

My Communication Profile Description

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My name is:



Insert photo of individual here

How I share information

How I take in information

A description of how the individual communicates.
Expressive: How they share information
Receptive: How they take in information

How to best support my communication?

Helpful tips to use to best communicate with the individual. This may include a best communication partner(s)- someone who is able to best understand and communicate with the individual most of the time.

Communicating about things the individual enjoys is a great starting point for communication. Also, what they like can be used as motivation for communication.

Things I enjoy

Things that may interfere with my communication

Some individuals have sensory concerns or things that may interfere with effective communication.

For further guidance, contact ODP's Special Populations Unit at RA-PWSpecialPopUnit@pa.gov

My Care Needs Description

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How I move around:

A description of how the individual moves around: they use a wheelchair, walk independently, or need support

How I eat and drink:

A description of the food/drink consistency needed, preferences, feeding tube or not, adaptive supports needed, assistance required

How I use the bathroom:

Use of briefs or not and when, any sensitivities, how often on the toilet, any bowel movement guidelines

How I take medication:

Medications by PEG tube, in applesauce, in a drink, etc., prefer liquid medications or capsules, number of medications at a time

Other important things about me:

A description of other things that are important for the individual: this could include any medical equipment needed, any best practices, a medical decision maker/guardian, etc.

Example

My Communication Profile



My name is: Sam

How I share information

- Bites wrists (frustrated, upset)
- Grabs others (can be reaching for attention or frustration)
- Pointing
- Clapping (exciting or agreeing)
- Leading others to desired items

How I take in information

- Short, concrete questions
- Picture support
- Direct acknowledgment
- I hear best in my right ear

How to best support my communication?

- Say my name before our interactions so I know you're talking to me
- Ask me questions and provide me with wait time
- Use real pictures (not cartoons or line drawings) to support my communication
- Look at me when you're talking, even if I am not looking back
- Before new/different environments, prepare me for what to expect
- My best communication partner is my father, Bob

Things I enjoy

- Coffee
- Quiet environments
- Puzzles
- Animals
- Swimming
- Calming music

Things that may interfere with my communication

- Crowded areas
- Loud environments
- Strong smells

My Care Needs

How I move around:

- I use a cane to support me when I talk
- I have trouble with my hand-eye coordination

How I eat and drink:

- I am lactose intolerant
- I am on a low cholesterol diet
- I use a weighted spoon to eat
- I use a straw to drink from a cup

How I use the bathroom:

- I don't need any support using the bathroom
- Flushable wipes are helpful

How I take medication:

- I have trouble swallowing capsules
- I take medications in applesauce or in liquid form

Other important things about me:

- I am Jewish and my religion is important to me
- My father, Bob is my legal guardian
- I don't like to be alone